



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q62040

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Appln. No.: 09/749,631

Group Art Unit: 2655

Confirmation No.: 5992

Examiner: Nabil Z. HINDI

Filed: December 28, 2000

For: DISC PLAYER CAPABLE OF REPRODUCING A PARTIALLY RECORDED DISC

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

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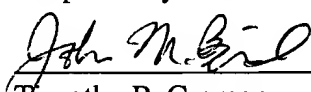
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 27, 2003 in which the Examiner has required an election of species, Applicants respond by electing Species II, claims 1-7, 9-19, 21-30, 32-52, 54-56, and 58-61. Applicants traverse the Examiner's indication that no claims are generic, as at least claims 1-7, 9-19, 21-30, 32, 33, 52, 55, 56 and 59-61 are submitted to be generic.

Prompt and favorable action on the elected claims is now respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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